

**CITY OF ALAMEDA  
MEMORANDUM**



**DATE:** June 1, 2012  
**TO:** Recreation & Park Commission  
**FROM:** Amy Wooldridge, Director  
Alameda Recreation & Parks Department  
**RE:** MONTHLY REPORT – June 1-30, 2012

**Summer** is rapidly approaching! You can sign up on-line for the majority of our programs. This method of registration has continued to gain in popularity. Overall registrations have been steady and programs are beginning to fill up, so sign up early to ensure your summer needs will be met.

**Special Events**



The **46<sup>th</sup> Annual Sand Castle and Sculpture Contest** will take place on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at Robert Crown Memorial State Beach Park. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. The projects will need to be completed by 12:00 p.m.; judging will begin and awards will be given out around 1:00 p.m. The three different categories for participants are: Under Age 12, Ages 13 and Over, and Family Divisions. This event is being sponsored by the Bayview Women's Club, East Bay Regional Park District and the Alameda Recreation & Park Department.

The first **Starlight Movie in the Park** of the year, ***The Adventures of Rin Tin Tin***, will be shown on Friday, June 22 at the Alameda Point Multi-Purpose Field. Gates will open for picnicking at 6:00 p.m. Pre-show activities will take place from 6:30 until the movie starts at approximately 8:15 p.m. Food will be sold by the Alameda Youth Committee and Teen Programs.

The **Jumpin' & Jivin' Jubilee** will again take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July at Rittler Park from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. This great community event is geared towards the whole family. There will be games, jump houses, arts and crafts, food, a petting zoo, music and entertainment for all to enjoy. To participate in the fun, patrons need only purchase a \$10 dollar wristband which will allow participation in all activities. The Jubilee is just one event in the day-long Fourth of July celebration in Alameda that also includes the Ralph Appezato Charity Race (RACE) and Mayor's Day Parade. This event is co-sponsored by Alameda Municipal Power (AMP) to celebrate AMP's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



Make sure to include these great events in your Holiday planning!

**Recreation Division**

The Recreation and Park Department is ***Celebrating '59' Years of Tradition*** this summer in its **Day Camp** Program. ARPD is happy to announce that the attendance for the kindergarten and first grade sessions at Hidden Cove Camp located at Robert Crown Memorial State Beach Park has increased from recent years. Trails End Camp for second through fifth graders begins next week and sign-ups are still being taken. Please join in the festivities on Thursday evening (June 14) for a Family Camp Program.



The **Recreation After School Program, RAP**, for K-5<sup>th</sup> graders helps parents by providing youth with an after school program at selected park sites throughout Alameda. An ARPD showcase took place in the Veteran's Building on May 24<sup>th</sup>, so that RAP participants could demonstrate their talents for parents and audience members alike to enjoy.

**Parks and Playgrounds** is our free drop-in recreation program that takes place at five selected park sites throughout Alameda. Summer 2012 sites are: Bayport, Franklin, Lincoln, Tillman and Washington Parks. Parents have the option of attending this program with their children.

### **Teen Program**

The **Underground Teen Center** continues to offer recreation programs and activities. Staff is promoting the Teen Summer Adventure program, trips and volunteer opportunities. Flyers promoting the program will be distributed to all 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes district-wide. The Summer Teen Center Open House will take place on Wednesday, July 6 at the Underground to encourage more signups for summer programs.

The **Alameda Youth Committee (AYC)** will assist in the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Sand Castle and Sand Sculpture Contest with bike parking and concessions for teen fundraising. AYC is also busy planning the summer overnight mystery program.

The **Alameda Youth Advisory Commission (AYAC)** has agreed to assist Alameda County Health with conducting store observations to analyze how tobacco products are marketed and sold in Alameda businesses.

### **Adult Sports**

**Adult Softball** is about at mid-season now. Games are played at Leydecker, Lower and Upper Washington Parks from 6:15-10:00 p.m. There are currently 11 adult softball leagues, six Coed and five Men's Leagues.



### **Aquatics**



A full compliment of summer lessons for aquatics is now available. Please sign up early as some classes are already filled to capacity. Encinal and Emma Hood Swim Centers will again be used to conduct all aquatic lessons. Adult lap swimming will be available Monday-Thursday in the evening, and during lunchtime on Fridays. Introduction to Diving and Water Walking classes will again be offered this summer as each class was a success last summer.

### **Senior Services Division**

#### **March Statistics:**

Volunteers: 146

Volunteer Hours: 2,007

New Members: 92

Total Membership to Date (July 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012): 3,351

Average Number of Lunches Served Daily: 35

Monthly Sign-ins: 13,283



The **Spring Luncheon & Thrift Shop Fashion Show** was a success! The show held on Thursday, May 10, was a lot of fun and netted \$2,612 for Mastick programs. The Thrift Shop volunteers and Alameda Rotarians provided a nice afternoon for 210 guests.



**MSCAB General Membership Meeting** – Mastick members are encouraged to attend the General Membership Meeting on **Wednesday, June 20** at 10:00 a.m. in Room D to vote on the slate of candidates approved by the MSCAB on May 16, as well as any nominations received from the floor. The MSCAB is the active administrative advisory committee for the Center. The proposed slate of candidates is: **Officers:** President, Joy Pratt; Vice President, Marilyn Appezzato; Treasurer, Lorraine Meuleners; Corresponding Secretary, Carolyn O'Dowd; Recording Secretary, Earleen Hamlin. **Directors for 2012-14:** Robby Kiley, Ronald Limoges, Marge Ryan, Jim Thomas and Terry Veasy. In addition, the General Membership will be reviewing and voting on proposed changes to the Mastick Senior Center By-Laws of the Advisory Board and the Mastick Senior Center Advisory Board Policy and Procedure Manual.

**Photoshop Elements** – Instructor Beth Kemmerrer will offer two workshops on Photoshop Elements: **Mondays** June 11, 18 & 25 from 1:30-3:30pm or **Tuesdays** June 12, 19 & 26 from 9:00-11:00am. This is a great opportunity to edit and print your photos. The cost per person is \$20 payable to ARPD. Summer is a great time to get your photos in order! Sign up in the Mastick Office.

**VA Benefits and YOU!** – An Alameda County Veterans Service Officer will provide an overview of VA Benefits on **Tuesday, June 12** at 1:00pm in Room D. To reserve a seat, sign up in the Mastick Office or call 747-7506.

**Computer Classes** – Instructor Patricia Meier will offer classes during the summer that will meet weekly from **June 12 through July 19** from 1:30-3:30pm in Room C. The cost per person is \$40 payable to ARPD. The class schedule is as follows: **Tuesdays** – Microsoft Word 2012; **Wednesdays** – Introduction to Computers; **Thursdays** - Free Photo Editing Programs. See the class flier for details.



**Summer Dance...Western Round-up** – Join us on **Thursday, June 14** from 1:00-3:30pm in the Mastick Social Hall for dancing and fun. Learn dance moves such as Line, Western and Ballroom. DJ David Henry will help to perfect your Swing dance steps. Norma Nocera, local line dance aficionado, will provide line dance instruction. Come dressed in your Western attire to show your spirit. Refreshments will be served. Volunteers enter *free* with volunteer badge. Cost is \$2 per person.

**Victoria's Legacy on the Island** – Judith Lynch, local author, teacher, resident and member of the Alameda Historical Advisory Board, will provide an overview on Victorian history and culture highlighting the 19<sup>th</sup> century buildings of Alameda. This class will meet Tuesday and Thursday mornings for four weeks beginning **Tuesday, June 19** at 10:00am in Room E and will include six slide presentations and two walking tours to show you how to recognize architectural details and distinguish among the various styles of fancywork homes that abound here. Sign up in the Mastick Office or call 747-7506. The class is free and limited to 25 participants.





**Trusts and Estates** – Attorney Endy Ukoha-Ajike, representing the 2012 State Bar “Educating Seniors Project” will present “Taking Charge: The Rewards and Risks of Estate Planning” on **Tuesday, June 19** at 1:00pm in Room D. To learn more about this interesting topic, sign up in the Mastick Office or call 747-7506.

**Evening Hours @ Mastick!** – Join us for evening programs beginning **Wednesday, June 20** from 5:30-8:30pm. Enjoy a computer class or lab, Line Dancing classes, Yoga, a game of pool, working on quilting or sewing projects, a movie, ceramic classes or a cup of coffee in our air-conditioned facility. For more information, visit the Mastick Office or call 747-7506.

**Computer Workshop Evening Classes** – Instructor Patricia Meier will offer workshops on Wednesday evenings (June 20 & 27 and July 11 & 18) from 6:00-8:00pm in Room C. Topics will include Managing E-mail and Attachments, Facebook and Twitter, Tablets and Readers, Cloud 9 and Security Matters. Each class has a \$10 per person fee payable to ARPD.

**Light Summer Meals, Flavors from the Garden** – On **Saturday, June 23** at 9:00am meet Jack Rosen at the Alameda Farmers’ Market to enjoy seasonal shopping and then return to Mastick’s kitchen to create a scrumptious flavorful meal. Learn to stretch your dollar by using seasonal ingredients while spending minimal time in the kitchen. Sit down and enjoy the freshly made meal with newly made friends. There is a \$10 fee per person and you can register in the Mastick Office.

**Do you have a Clipper Card?** – A representative from BART will be available on Tuesday, June 26 at 1:00pm in Room D to issue Clipper Cards! For more information or to sign up, visit the Mastick Office or call 747-7506.

**Summer Bingo Bash!** – On **Saturday, June 30** the Bingo Committee will host the Summer Bingo Bash which is open to the public (18 years and older). Enjoy socialization, *free* apple pie ala mode (for participants) and a chance to win cash and prizes. Doors open at 10:00am and the first game begins at noon.

**City of Alameda Paratransit Program** – At their May 1 meeting, the City Council approved modifications to the City of Alameda Paratransit Medical Return Trip Improvement Program (MRTIP). **Effective July 1, 2012**, EBP-certified riders will pay \$2.50 per trip, and will be limited to five travel vouchers per month with travel limited to Alameda County. For updated program information, refer to the website: [www.AlamedaParatransit.com](http://www.AlamedaParatransit.com) or contact Donatella Zepplin, Senior Services Specialist.

**Calling all Mastick Artists!** – Mastick members currently enrolled in classes offered at the Center are encouraged to participate in the next multimedia art exhibit scheduled to open **Wednesday, August 1** in the Mastick Lobby. Artwork Submission Record Forms will be available in the office beginning on **Friday, July 13**. Questions should be directed to class instructors or Jackie Krause, Senior Services Manager at 747-7510.

**DMV Senior Ombudsman Program Overview** – The DMV created this program to keep seniors driving for as long as they can do so safely. Join Community Outreach Senior Ombudsman Rosemary Robles on Tuesday, July 10 at 1:00pm in Room D for an overview of available services. Sign up in the Mastick Office or call 747-7506 to attend the presentation.

### **Park Division**

Large trees at Leydecker, Godfrey, Lincoln, Krusi, Washington and Woodstock Parks, as well as at the O’Club on Alameda Point were trimmed. This work was done to promote good tree health, provide clearance and keep our large trees safe.

A large dead Monterey Pine tree was removed at Upper Washington Park.



Sports field turf areas were fertilized for the summer.